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REMARKS

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1. The sentries at Restricted Area I at the intersection of Ebertstrasse and Blumstrasse, Auerbach (N 51/k 64), were withdrawn in mid-December 1951. The barracks installation near the railroad station was guarded by double sentries who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. All five floors of the former factory in the restricted area were lighted up to 10 p. m., but only the second and third floors remained lighted during the entire night. Three newly built houses in the villa section of the restricted area were occupied by civilian Soviet personnel with their families. Two officers, 4 NCOs and about 35 men wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were daily seen engaged in basic drill at the drill field on Elsterstrasse. The EM seemed to be recruits.

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2. Restricted Area II has been placed off limits since 5 December. The sentries standing on Stalinstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia, and a few airmen were observed at the restricted area. About 120 troops were seen drilling in the restricted area at squad level on 26 November.

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On Stalin's birthday, 21 December, about 200 officers and 600 men wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets were seen marching to the motion picture theater. A railroadman said that 24 AA guns were allegedly detrained at the lower railroad station during the night of 16 December and towed toward Tannenbergstal and Eibenstock.

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3. A refugee said that the AA guns emplaced east of Steinheidel (N 51/K 52) were manned by about 120 troops on 26 November. The informant observed 3 x 35-mm AA guns, 1 range finder and 6 three-axle trucks of American origin. (2)

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4. On 10 December, the barracks installation in Annaberg-Frohnau (N 51/K 73) was occupied by troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 260 soldiers were seen marching to the municipal indoor swimming pool. A field exercise involving from 500 to 600 troops with about 12 dogs was held in the Poehlberg area toward Koenigswalde on 27 November. A railroadman said that the fuel supply installation at Schoenfelder railroad station, about 3 km north of Annaberg was inspected by about 15 officers on 12 December. About 60 soldiers, in groups of 5 each, dressed in camouflage uniforms for snow and carrying rifles, were seen skiing from the barracks installation to Koenigswalde on 13 December. (3)

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5. The Soviet komendatura in Aue (N 51/K 53) was located near the German police registration office. Sentries in front of it wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. The Leuc Kaserne near Object No 100 consisted of 1 barracks building, 1 garage and the former Ernst Focke r factory. The factory building was occupied to capacity, but the barracks building seemed to be occupied by only a guard detail. The latter building contained several classrooms. [redacted]

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[redacted] there were 700 troops in the Leuc Kaserne on 7 December. Sentries wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Truck [redacted] with soldiers was seen entering the installation. No training activity was noticed. (4)

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6. The Kleine Kaserne consisted of the former administration building of the August Weilner factory, a workshop, and another factory building. The latter building was occupied by about 150 troops in early December, but the administration building was vacant. Sentries wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Coal was unloaded in the yard from truck [redacted] (5)

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7. On 18 December, 8 artillery pieces, 9 trucks and about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were loaded on a train at the Aue railroad station and dispatched to Chemnitz. The troops rode in 7 boxcars. [redacted]

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8. Prior to 14 July 1951, the former Fox furniture factory was occupied by about 300 IGF troops who guarded the pits and mines in the Johanngeorgenstadt (N 51/K 51) area. The troops had worn crimson epaulets since the beginning of July. They were armed with submachine guns and carbines, and had trucks at their disposal for the trips from and to the mines. A hutment, situated about 100 meters west of the Fox factory and surrounded by a 2-meter wooden fence was occupied by about 200 soldiers who were employed in guarding mines and escorting ore shipments. (7)

9. The barracks installation west of the city hall was surrounded by a wooden fence, about 2 meters high. Its four-story main building was built as recently as 1947. An observation tower rose 6 meters above the roof. The installation also included some smaller brick buildings which seemed to be mess buildings and garages. The billeting area also included some three-story apartment buildings on the south side of Fibersbacherstrasse. The installation was occupied by a motorized unit of about 1,200 troops who wore crimson epaulets, and besides small arms, were equipped with a few artillery pieces of about 50 and 76 mm. The unit was said to be an alert unit. Numerous GB officers were seen in the installation. (8)

10. The barracks installation at Mine No 60 was built in 1950 and occupied in the spring of 1951. It contained a four-story or five-story main building and several smaller auxiliary buildings; was surrounded by a wooden fence; and quartered a unit of about 1,000 troops who wore crimson epaulets, were armed with submachine guns and carbines, and guarded mines and kept ready in case of alerts. (9)

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11. Eight 37-mm AA guns were emplaced at intervals of about 15 meters on Dimitroffstrasse. Each gun was surrounded by a mound of protective earth. Earth shelters between the emplacements accommodated a total of about 20 soldiers. (10)
12. Six low wooden barracks buildings on concrete foundations, referred to as acht-haus Barracks were occupied by about 300 troops. They were built in 1947 and 1948 and located about 300 meters east of the railroad station. (11)
13. Between April and July 1951, five barracks buildings were constructed northeast of Wibenstockerstrasse. The first buildings were occupied by troops at the end of June. The easternmost building was a mess and administration building. (11)

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(1) **Comments.**

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(1) [REDACTED] The various branch-of-service insignia of the soldiers in Restricted Area II indicate that the troops there may have been detached from various units for guard and escort duty or for penal purposes.

(2) Steinheidel is situated west of Breitenbrunn on the Johannisburg-Enstadt-Schwarzenberg railroad line. The AA guns are emplaced between Steinheidel and the road to Röckau. [REDACTED] a battery of 6 x 30-mm AA guns of the 6th (?) Regt AAA Div were emplaced there in May 1951. [REDACTED]

(3) [REDACTED] monthly conferences held in the barracks installation in Annaberg-Frohnau were attended by about 70 officers from Annaberg. It is therefore believed that the superior headquarters, possibly a regimental headquarters of the units stationed in Annaberg is located there. [REDACTED] a unit, apparently an HQ battalion, of about the same strength to have practiced in Föhlberg area on 4 September 1951. The unit was stationed in the Helmert Kaserne and the boys' school. For sketches of the installations, [REDACTED]. The fuel supply installation at Schönfelder is reported for the first time. It is believed to be a major depot, because of the number of inspecting officers.

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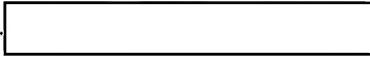
25X1 (10) [redacted] there are apparent-
25X1 by two groups of 37-mm AA guns emplaced on Dimitroffstrasse. [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] One of the two is probably the group of eight
AA guns mentioned in the present report. For location, see No 3 on attached
sketch.

25X1 (11) [redacted] several barracks installations were under construc-
25X1 tion in June 1951, but failed to specify their location. [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] See Nos 7 and 6 on attached sketch.

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Military Installations in Johanngeorgenstadt

